Appl. No. 10/789,784 Amdt. dated February 22, 2005 Reply to Office Action of January 11, 2005

REMARKS

Claims 1-28 have been canceled. New claims 29-48 have been added.

Reconsideration of the claims in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claim Objections

The Examiner has objected to the numbering of the claims, which are not in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.126. Claims 1-28 have been canceled, thereby making this rejection moot.

Double Patenting

Claims 1-6, 9, 10, 12 and 20-28 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-20 of U.S. Patent No. 6,453,493. Accompanying this Amendment is an appropriate terminal disclaimer, thereby rendering this objection moot.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1-4, 7, 9, 10, 18, 19-23, 26 and 27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Emery (US 3,312,987). Claims 1-4, 7, 9, 10, 21-23, 26 and 27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Kaskey (US 2,522,120). Claims 1-4, 7, 9, 10, 21-23, 26 and 27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Silver et al. Claims 1-4, 7-12, 17, 20-24, 26 and 27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Crowley (US 6,061,854). As previously described, claims 1-28 have been canceled, thereby rendering moot the §102 rejections.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 13 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kaskey et al in view of Yager et al. Claims 24 and 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as

Appl. No. 10/789,784

Amdt. dated February 22, 2005

Reply to Office Action of January 11, 2005

being unpatentable over Kaskey et al. in view of Matthews (US 5,546,620). Claims 1-4 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Morgillo (US 6,499,165) in view of Kaskey et al. As previously described, claims 1-28 have been canceled, thereby making this rejection moot.

Added claims

Claims 29-48 have been added and each includes the limitation of a pocket that is located at the outer periphery. Since none of the cited art teaches such a limitation, claims 29-48 are in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 303-571-4000.

Respectfully submitted,

Darin J. Gibby Reg. No. 38,464

TOWNSEND and TOWNSEND and CREW LLP Two Embarcadero Center, Eighth Floor

San Francisco, California 94111-3834

Tel: (303) 571-4000 Fax: (303) 571-4321

DJG/cl 60425240 v1